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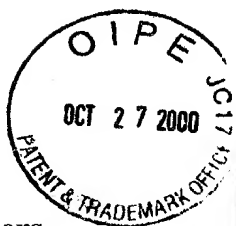
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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are two sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-2, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. The application number, group art unit and attorney docket number appear on the back of each sheet. Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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